

Apalachicola July 10. 1866

My dear Doct^r

Ever so long ago
I sent on a pressing invitation
to you and Mrs. Gray to show us
the light of your countenances in
this blighted land. That was the
beginning and end of all matters
concerning you until just now I
recognize your existence from a su-
scription on a document from the
Boston Ad. What is the matter?

I have just had a pleasant visit
from Dr. Leary, your old Savannah
correspondent. - a very clever and
entertaining rebel. He remarks that
the seeds of Elytraria virgata are albu-
minous & I see they do contain plenty
of it, with a small orbicular embryo.

We expect to secure his services as teacher here next December which will afford me much gratification.

As for myself I am poorly, am dissipated - worked like a galley-slave ever since my return last December.

I have applied to the Secretary of the Treasury (I am Collector of this Port) for leave of absence, obtaining which I start north. My first halt will be in Philadelphia and afterward may visit New and beg us don't. Dr Waver in Boston, But I expect most assistance from change of climate.

Did you get the seeds of Begonia apiculata, I sent you on my return home? Dr Hay gave me a quantity if you want them.

We rebels are gradually settling down grumblingly into a passive obedience to authority, but we give the Yankee the cold side and covert sneer whenever

we think it will tell. We snatch away any superfluous portion of our dup which may possibly come in contact with him in our walks, and we do not admit him to our parties and excursions.

We deem this course chivalrous and that generations unborn will call us blipeds. We think the Washington authorities are sorely exercised about us & that soon they will fall down on their

Yours ever,
A. M. Chapman